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# NEWS

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## **Vice Adm. Craine to announce CNET Shore Sailor of the Year**

PENSACOLA, Fla.— On Thursday, April 5, 2001, Vice Adm. John W. Craine Jr., chief of Naval Education and Training (CNET), will announce the 2000 CNET Shore Sailor of the Year at a ceremony honoring Military Members of the Year. The award banquet is scheduled for 6 p.m., local time, at the National Museum of Naval Aviation, Naval Air Station Pensacola.

The Sailor of the Year program recognizes the best all-around Sailors in paygrades E-6 and below. The seven nominees will be judged on their sustained superior performance in leadership, technical proficiency, motivation, participation in community affairs, and other noteworthy achievements.

The seven finalists for the CNET Shore Sailor of the Year include three Sailors stationed at local area commands; Aviation Structural Mechanic First Class (Aviation Warfare) Darrell S. Resendez, from Naval Aviation Technical Training Center (NATTC), Cryptologic Technician First Class (Surface Warfare) Ronald K. Robinette, from the Naval Technical Training Center (NTTC), Corry Station, and Aviation Warfare First Class (Aviation Warfare) Christopher D. Caton, from Naval Aviation School Command (NAVAVSCOLCOM) join the four other nominees.

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## **CNET Shore Sailor of the Year Nominees 2-2-2**

The CNET Shore Sailor of the Year will compete with other Shore Sailors of the Year for the Navy Shore Sailor of the Year, which will be announced by the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C., in May 2001.

The following is information on the seven nominees for CNET Shore Sailor of the Year: Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class Steven J. Day, a native of Troy, Ohio, joined the Navy in January 1991. The aviation-warfare qualified Aviation Electronics Technician representing Naval Technical Training Unit (NTTU), Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., is qualified Command Duty Officer. NTTU Commanding Officer, Cmdr. Richard E. Thayer praises Day for flawlessly planning and executing the relocation and upgrade of the advanced Calibration Technician School classrooms. Day incorporated the "Classroom 2000" systems involving 1,200 test equipment items and 2,500 publications. He superbly managed 30 Sailors and Marines completing the renovation two months ahead of schedule. Day was hand selected as one of the Command Student Indoctrination leaders to provide a positive role model and mentor for the entry-level students. His leadership has contributed to the 30 percent decline in the attrition rate of the entry-level students.

Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class Karin D. Sylvia, a native of Lake Station, Ind., joined the Navy in November 1982. A Ship's Serviceman who is dual warfare qualified in both Surface and Aviation Warfare represents Fleet Training Center, Norfolk, Va. She was hand-selected by the Supply Department Head to manage and monitor course curriculum for the 13 Supply and 3M courses which includes 72 class convenings and more than 800 students. She is a Cross Utilized Certified Instructor in two Ship's Serviceman courses and is serving as a board member for the Pilot Course of the Ship's Store Afloat Senior Refresher Course. Sylvia qualified as Master Training Specialist (MTS) in August 2000 and was chosen by the Curriculum and Instructional Standards Department to become a MTS qualifier. Sylvia's commanding officer, Capt. Fred S. Bertsch III praises her as an exemplary leader, dedicated manager and a top professional.

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### **CNET Shore Sailor of the Year Nominees 3-3-3**

Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class Darrell S. Resendez, a Coos Bay, Ore., native, joined the Navy in September 1981. He is an aviation-warfare qualified Aviation Structural Mechanic, representing Naval Air Technical Training Center (NATTC), Pensacola, Fla., and is assigned as Military Standards Department (MDS) Leading Petty Officer. He is responsible for supervising 40 Military Training Instructors charged with management, security, accountability, Naval Military Training and daily routines of more than 4,200 entry-level students housed in six barracks, valued at more than \$72 million. NATTC Commanding Officer, Capt. Ron H. Jaeh praises Resendez for routinely stepping up to fill short fuse and other high visibility requirements as needed by the commanding officer, executive officer and the command master chief.

Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class Ronald K. Robinette, a native of Burlington, N. C., joined the Navy in January 1992. Robinette is a Cryptologic Technician, surface-warfare qualified, representing Naval Technical Training Center (NTTC), Corry Station, Pensacola, Fla. Capt. Ronald J. Wojdyla, NTTC's commanding officer praises Robinette as among the special breed of Sailor who takes the toughest, most thankless jobs -- yet always achieves success. Robinette achieved MTS in 2000 and also certified to instruct both "A" and "C" school courses of instruction. He serves as the Command Assistant Duty Section Leader, Command Assessment Team, Command Electronic Key Management System Alternate, Command Classified Destruction Coordinator, the Division Safety Petty Officer, Division Pass Liaison Representative, Division Honor Roll Coordinator, Division In-Service Training Petty Officer, Division Instructor Evaluation Coordinator and the Division Master Training Specialist Coordinator.

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#### **CNET Shore Sailor of the Year Nominees 4-4-4**

Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class Sophia Loren Hargrove, a Barbados, West Indies native, joined the Navy in June 1981. The aviation-warfare qualified Aviation Structural Mechanic, representing Naval Air Maintenance Training Group (NAMTRAGRU), Pensacola, Fla., is an E2/C2 airframe Instructor assigned to Naval Air Maintenance Training Group Detachment (NAMTRAGRUDET), Norfolk, Va. She flawlessly delivered more than 856 hours of classroom/laboratory instruction, graduating 112 naval aviators and technicians to the fleet with a combined grade point average of 93 percent. Naval Air Maintenance Training Unit (NAMTRAU) Norfolk, Va. commanding officer, Cmdr. James W. Wirwille Jr. praises Hargrove for her leadership skills, which led to her unanimous election, by her peers, to serve as Vice President of the First Class Petty Officer Association. Hargrove is a MTS that provided immediate resolutions and technical guidance to the Course Curriculum Model Manager for correction and updating of existing courseware. She devoted more than 100 hours verifying the technical accuracy of five E2/C2 lessons in support of the \$1.3M computer based training initiative.

Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class James A. Ritch, a Woodland, Calif., native joined the Navy in January 1990. He is an Electronics Technician who is surface-warfare qualified representing Naval Training Center (NTC), Great Lakes, Ill. He is assigned as an instructor for electronics technician "A" school, responsible for five weeks of recurring classroom and lab instruction in high frequency and T-827 systems. He instructed five classes with 128 students, achieving a 94 percent pass rate. He qualified as MTS in nine month -- three months ahead of the required year. Once designated MTS, he initiated weekly MTS training, and is presently an active member of the command's MTS board and qualification process. Commander NTC, Rear Adm. Dave P. Polatty praises Ritch as a student mentor for providing expert daily military and professional guidance to thousands of initial accession Sailors.

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## **CNET Shore Sailor of the Year Nominees 5-5-5**

Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class Christopher D. Caton, born in Honolulu, entered the Navy in January 1985. The aviation-warfare qualified Aviation Warfare Systems Operator, representing Chief of Naval Air Training (CNATRA), Corpus Christi, Texas, is assigned to Naval Aviation Schools Command (NAVAVSCOLSCOM), Pensacola, Fla. Caton was hand selected to lead and manage the assets of a division of 15 instructors, two ensigns, and up to 200 aircrew students. His managerial and mentoring skills ensured that more than 11,600 Aircrew Candidates received unequalled training. Capt. Craig F. Weideman, NAVAVSCOLSCOM commanding officer praises Caton as the command consummate professional instructor. He is a dynamic leader, he leads from the front ensuring that the fleet receives the finest and best trained Naval Aircrewmen possible. He performed two MTS, two Curriculum Instruction Systems Office, and 14 departmental instructor evaluations, tremendously improving command instructors' techniques.

For media interested in attending the CNET Shore Sailor of the Year Banquet, please contact Cmdr. Anthony Cooper at the CNET Public Affairs Office at (850) 452-4858.

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